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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-46. (Canceled)

47. (Original) A wheel support for a bicycle, comprising:

a body including a pair of legs each having a first end, a second end, and an intermediate portion extending between the first and second ends, said pair of legs interconnected at said first ends and configured to support a bicycle wheel at said second ends, each of said pair of legs defining a substantially fixed length between said first and second ends, each of said intermediate portions including an outer wall portion and an internal wall portion defining a cavity;

a damping member positioned within said cavity and contacting said internal wall, said damping member comprising a vibration damping material;

wherein said outer wall portion and said damping member each define a portion of an external surface of said wheel support.

48. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 47, wherein said pair of legs support said bicycle wheel at said second ends for rotation about an axis, said internal wall portion extending from said outer wall portion in a direction substantially parallel to said axis.

49. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 48, wherein said interior wall portion connects opposing sides of said outer wall portion such that said cavity extends completely through said leg.

50. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 47, additionally comprising a dropout supported by said second end of each of said pair of legs, said dropouts configured to receive said bicycle wheel.

51. (Currently Amended) A wheel support for a bicycle, comprising:

a body including a first leg and a second leg each having a first end, a second end, and an intermediate portion extending between said first and second ends, said first and second legs interconnected at said first ends and configured to support a bicycle wheel at said second ends, each of said first and second legs defining a substantially fixed length between said first and second ends, each of said intermediate portions including an outer wall portion and an internal wall portion defining a cavity, said internal wall portion being continuous with said outer wall portion and extending generally laterally therefrom;

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a damping member positioned within said cavity and contacting said internal wall,
said damping member comprising a vibration damping material;

wherein each of said cavities extends a distance along said fixed length of said
first and second legs that is less than said fixed length.

52. (Currently Amended) ~~The wheel support of Claim 51,~~ A wheel support for a bicycle,
comprising:

a body including a first leg and a second leg each having a first end, a second end,
and an intermediate portion extending between said first and second ends, said first and
second legs interconnected at said first ends and configured to support a bicycle wheel at
said second ends, each of said first and second legs defining a substantially fixed length
between said first and second ends, each of said intermediate portions including an outer
wall portion and an internal wall portion defining a cavity;

a damping member positioned within said cavity and contacting said internal wall,
said damping member comprising a vibration damping material;

wherein each of said cavities extends a distance along said fixed length of said
first and second legs that is less than said fixed length;

wherein said first and second legs support said bicycle wheel at said second ends
for rotation about an axis, said internal wall portion extending from said outer wall
portion in a direction substantially parallel to said axis.

53. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 52, wherein said interior wall portion
connects opposing sides of said outer wall portion such that said cavity extends completely
through said leg.

54. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 51, additionally comprising a dropout
supported by said second end of each of said first and second legs, said dropouts configured to
receive said bicycle wheel.

55-56. (Canceled)